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By: **Delegate Sossi**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System - Membership - Local Detention**  
3 **Center Officers**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual who works as a detention center officer  
5 for a county or a municipal corporation to become a member of the Law  
6 Enforcement Officers' Pension System under a participating governmental unit;  
7 and generally relating to the eligibility of certain detention center officers as  
8 members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System under a  
9 participating governmental unit.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
12 Section 31-2A-01  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
16 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
17 Section 31-2A-02  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

23 31-2A-01.

24 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

25 (b) "Effective date" means the date that an eligible governmental unit  
26 commenced or commences participation in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension  
27 System.

1 (c) "Eligible governmental unit" means a governmental unit that is eligible to  
2 participate in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System under § 31-2A-02 of  
3 this subtitle.

4 (d) "Law enforcement officer" means an individual WHO:

5 (1) IS certified by the Maryland Police Training Commission as a law  
6 enforcement officer; OR

7 (2) WORKS AS A DETENTION CENTER OFFICER FOR AN ELIGIBLE  
8 GOVERNMENTAL UNIT.

9 (e) (1) "Local pension system" means a retirement or pension system of an  
10 eligible governmental unit.

11 (2) "Local pension system" includes the Employees' Retirement System  
12 and the Employees' Pension System if the eligible governmental unit participates  
13 under Subtitle 1 of this title.

14 31-2A-02.

15 Subject to § 31-2A-03 of this subtitle, the governmental units that are eligible  
16 to participate in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System are:

17 (1) counties; and

18 (2) municipal corporations.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
20 effect July 1, 2004.